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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the following application:

**Application**

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## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

### a. Previously Submitted:

- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### b. Enclosed:

- i. ☒ Reply
- ii. ☐ Declaration Of Common Ownership
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Fees

☒ Payment via Electronic Funds Transfer in the amount of \$810 is enclosed for the following:

- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17(a)
- iii. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicants have not exceeded the number of independent or total claims permitted within the standard fee. Accordingly, applicant believes no additional payment is due. However, if additional payment is necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2455.

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